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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip report [redacted]

1. During the week of 4 February 1958 I traveled with [redacted] with regards to to visit [redacted] the Anti-tank Rocket Program and with [redacted] to visit [redacted] with regard to the [redacted] Destructor System.

2. [redacted] appear to have a well planned developmental program for the two Anti-tank Rockets. Work on the T-1 rocket, which is the shelf item, is approximately on schedule. Work on the T-2 rocket, or improvised rocket, is behind schedule and it is apparent that a great deal more emphasis on this phase of the work should be made by the contractor.

3. It is believed that the Shape Charge tests conducted at Ft. Belvoir will be of significance to this program and that the test results will permit the contractor to improve his present rate of development. [redacted] will arrange for the [redacted] project engineer to visit Ft. Belvoir and review the work done there.

4. Administratively [redacted] is well organized, their programing is up to date and they carry costs expenditures on a weekly basis. If their technical performance is equal to planning ability a successful program is assured.

5. [redacted] on the other hand appears to be greatly confused as to the true significance of developing the Destructor System for the [redacted]. Probably the principle cause of this confusion can be traced to the fact that they suddenly ran out of money last November and have been unable to clear the snarl of red tape which ensued. The personnel doing the actual work at [redacted] are very much production minded and have been well indoctrinated by the rules and regulations of Ordnance Corp Inspectors. As a result output of items is emphasized more than quality. On the other hand we have submitted several changes in this development to [redacted] and have not provided as much follow-up and liaison as we should have. As of this date [redacted] has received verbal authority from the contracting officer to proceed with the development and it is believed that with adequate liaison between TSS/ED and the contractor a successful program can be achieved.

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